

Tiverton Recreation Commission

Meeting November 18, 2008

Present at meeting:

Rick Bush, Jack Cook, Diane Toste, Debbie Ebbitt, Pam Levakis, Gary Rose, Bob Martin, Phyllis Brower, Theresa Burke

Secretary's report:

Minutes for October meeting accepted with amendments for submission on state website.

Old business:

Gary Rose has spoken with Mr. Murray at THS about fundraising for resurfacing of Pocasset Field. There is \$2K in the field maintenance fund available for use at Pocasset field.

Debbie Ebbitt presented research on different in-field mixes for Pocasset field. The best mix for use at Pocasset will give good drainage and small screen size. The choice of screen size can be different in different seasons (of the year) and will be important when determining the replacement of the infield at Pocasset.

The Wizards' Game has been rescheduled for January 11, 2009 at 2 pm in the THS gym. Payment and other parts of the agreement between the Wizards and Tiverton Recreation Committee will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Theresa Burke has a Cub Scout troop who wants to sing Christmas Carols at the Christmas Tree Lighting at Town Hall On Nov. 30th at 5pm. Theresa will put a press release in the newspaper for this event. A canned food drive will also take place at the tree lighting.

Bob Martin reported that fencing for Town Farm Girls' field will be approximately \$5400. Mr. Martin will get quotes for the fencing material.

Boundaries at Bulgarmarsh have been marked off where a skateboard park and basketball court would be. We discussed whether asphalt or concrete would be used for the skateboard park. No decision will be made about skateboard park surfaces until finds are available.

Diane Toste distributed pictures of bowl designs of skateboard parks constructed in SE Massachusetts/RI. These were suggestions for proposed park designs for the Skateboard park at Bulgarmarsh Rec. area.

Bob Martin reported that he would start tearing up the asphalt from the old tennis courts at Bulgarmarsh as soon as possible depending on the availability of equipment needed for the job. TRC feels that it is important to show some progress towards our goals there.

Any money spent on Bulgarmarsh (labor or work done by the town/in-kind services) will be kept track of to use as numbers for matching funds for grants. Pictures of construction will be taken at all stages of progress.

Diane Toste wants to hold a Skateboard Demonstration on Nov, 28th at Bulgarmarsh Rec. area.

Bob Martin will clean out the tennis courts at Town Farm this week.

No new news on the soccer complex.

New Business:

We discussed the possibility of forming sub-committees for the different aspects at Bulgarmarsh Rec. area renovations.

A vote was taken and passed to lower the prices of fundraising bricks to \$100 as a holiday special.

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Meeting October 21, 2008

Present at meeting:

Gary Rose, Jack Cook, Theresa Burke, Rick Bush, Phyllis Brower, Debbie Ebbitt, Bob Martin, and George Alzabak

Public delegations:

George Alzabak presented some ideas for a waterfront Festival this summer (2009). He suggested several different possibilities for activities in the event. Mr. Alzabak will return after the elections for more discussion as he is running for office. This was tabled until the November meeting. We advised Mr. Alzabak that this would need to be presented to the Town Council for their approval before proceeding with actual planning.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Rose requested accounting for how much is actually in accounts of TRC.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for September 2008 meeting were accepted. Thank you notes have been sent to merchants who helped with sale of raffle tickets for the cruise.

Old Business:

Rick Bush has presented the contest to the art teachers at the Middle school and high school. The winning design(s) will be selected by the TRC and the announcement will be made at the Wizard's game in January.

Bids for resurfacing of Pocasset Field baseball field are going out.

Bob Martin reported that the growth of brush and weeds behind the east wall at Town Farm near the soccer field has been cleared.

The Wizard's Game may have to be rescheduled due to conflict of availability.

Tiverton Christmas Tree lighting will be November 30th at Town Hall. Jim and Mona Carberry have graciously said they will again do this event for the town.

Fencing for the Town Farm girls' softball field has been approved, but funding has not been secured yet.

The Farmers' Market was a great success and exposed TRC's goals for the Bulgarmarsh Rec. area and other projects we are supporting. We made about \$200 from the sale of drinks and t-shirts.

Ed Fitzpatrick, President of men's softball league, will be asked to have his organization help pay for a new scoreboard and some fencing at the softball field at Bulgarmarsh Rec. area.

New Business:

The surf contest has been changed to a Skateboard Demonstration at Bulgarmarsh Rec. area on October 25th. All merchants who were supporting the surf contest are still supporting the skateboard demo.

Jack Cook presented a proposal of expected costs to improve the land adjacent to the New Ranger School for a soccer complex.

Gary Rose reported that grants can be applied for after acquisition of these fields.

DEM grants from the state are still in consideration and have been lowered from \$300K to \$200K.

Gary Rose wanted to know what is allowed to be considered for matching funds from the town for in-kind services.

Debbie Ebbitt has started the arthritis exercise program. The classes are Tuesday and Thursday for 5 weeks.

Mr. Rearick, Supt. of Tiverton Schools, would not support the Tupperware sale for fundraising for Bulgarmarsh Rec. area.

The tennis courts at Town Farm have grass growing in some areas which needs to be removed.

Phyllis Brower was informed that due to the vote on Town Charter amendments in November, she can no longer serve on the Tiverton Recreation Commission

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th at 7 pm.

Next meeting will be December 16, 2008 at 7 pm at Judson Community Center.